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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

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A meeting was held on **Monday, November 12, 2012**  
Clarion Hotel, 200 Main St., Green Bay, WI

1) The meeting was officially called to order by President McKloskey at 11:34 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present: President Neil McKloskey  
Commissioner Bernie Erickson  
Commissioner Hank Wallace  
Commissioner John Hanitz  
Commissioner Ron Anntoneau  
Commissioner Greg Flisram  
Commissioner Tom Klimek

Excused: Vice-President Craig Dickman  
Commissioner Bryan Hyska

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&SW  
Mark Walter, Brown County P&SW

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Ron Anntoneau. Unanimously approved.**

4) Approval/Modification – September 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes

**A motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2012 was made by Ron Anntoneau and seconded by Bernie Erickson. Unanimously approved.**

5) Brown County to serve as WI Coastal Management Grant Application for Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association's Visioning Document for Wisconsin Ports – Request for Approval

A year ago, members of the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association met with Secretary Paul Jadin, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), to discuss how the state of

Wisconsin needs recognize that 3 of its borders are bodies of water the can reach national and international markets when promoting or sell Wisconsin as “open for business”. WEDC agreed that such a need existed. This past August, at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association (WCPA), WEDC returned and made a presentation. WEDC believes that Wisconsin’s Port need to do a needs assessment and create a vision so the Ports can meet the transportation needs of Wisconsin in 20 to 25 years. WEDC offered to contribute funding to such an effort. Dean Haen volunteered to lead the effort. Since August, Haen has reached out to Brown County Planning, State Department of Transportation (DOT), CFIRE (Center for Freight & Infrastructure Research & Education) at UW-Madison, and Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute (GLMRI), Wisconsin Coastal Management, U.S. Maritime Administration as well as others. This outreach is helping determine if enough partnerships of cash and in-kind contributions can be realized to enable WCPA conduct a study of trying to figure out what Wisconsin’s Commercial Ports should look like in 20 to 25 years.

All the Ports have commented that there is excess capacity that needs to be preserved. This capacity may or may not be enough to meet future water transportation needs of the state. Brown County has taken the initiative to assemble a partnership to take advantage of resources and opportunities like the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant. Community planning for land use and waterfront development is an eligible activity under this grant. WCPA is a 501(c)6 Non-Profit association which makes them ineligible to apply. The Port is looking for Harbor Commission approval for Brown County to act as the applicant on behalf of the WCPA. The Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute has offered cash and staff in-kind, WEDC has offered cash, and the WCPA has some cash available to fund the project. At this time, there is no request for Port dollars only staff time to lead the effort.

Mark Walter wrote the grant application. The grant application provided a framework and is written to meet the needs of the grant application. However, it does not give a robust look at what the WCPA fully intends to do with this project. The department is still working with Wisconsin Coastal Management to see what the costs will be. Brown County’s role is oversight in the application, applying for the grant and assembling the finances. CFIRE and GLMRI will be doing the research.

**A motion to approve Brown County serving as the applicant for a WI Coastal Management Program Grant on behalf of the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Ron Anntoneau. Unanimously approved.**

6) Cell Tower Lease – Request for Approval

At last Harbor Commission meeting there was an approval to proceed with communication with the City of Green Bay concerning the \$30,000 claim that the Port has for past cell tower lease payments. There was a letter that was sent from Brown County to the City’s Attorney proceeding with the lawsuit against City of Green Bay to recover cell tower lease payments owed. Neil McKloskey will follow up with Brown County’s Attorney to see where she is at with this.

**A motion to approve Brown County to proceed with the lawsuit against City of Green Bay to recover cell tower lease payments was made by Ron Anntoneau, seconded by Neil McKloskey. Approved with Greg Flisram abstaining.**

7) Cat Island Chain Restoration Project - Update

The total project costs and cost share arrangement between Brown County and the US Army Corps of Engineers is improving. The amount of stone needed is less than planned. The Operations and Maintenance Plan is being developed. One of the first issues to be resolved is when and which islands are available for placement of dredge material. The Corps of Engineers/Brown County project started the third week of October, 2012. The Corps has removed a lot of the armor stone that the Port had put in and widened the road to 20 feet so two trucks could drive back and forth. Also for the time being the Corps has taken out the gate the County had installed. Within three days, there were about 1,000 loads of rock making the first leg of the first Island and working further out into the Bay. They are working six days a week right now. The Corps is anticipating being done within one to two years.

Mark Walter had talked with the Village of Howard and Suamico about any more damage with Lineville Road. The contractor did put down a chip seal coat on the road before they started construction, which is already starting to deteriorate, but at this time no other damage. The DOT has plans to redo the Lineville Road interchange in August 2014, which should not affect the project.

The revised total project cost for Cat Island is now \$19M, which is slightly lower than the last projection. Brown County's share was \$4.3M of stone (25% of our share) and then 10% of \$1.7M to be paid over 30 years with resources and grants to total \$5M for the project. Brown County had originally secured \$9.2M for the project.

#### 8) Renard Island Closure - *Update*

The Corps of Engineers has appropriated enough money for the total Cat Island project to exceed \$30M. They have \$12M of GLRI money and the President allocated \$7M to the Green Bay Harbor for Cat Island in last year's budget. This money is no longer needed for the Cat Island Project. A letter was sent to LTC Ells (CC: Assistant Secretary of the Army, and Federal Legislatures) signed by Troy Streckenbach, Neil McKloskey, and Dean Haen requesting to redirect that money to the Renard Island Closure since the money has already been programmed to the Green Bay Harbor. The Renard Closure project is in need of \$3M and the Port is up against a State imposed deadline of 2013 for closure. Congressman Reid Ribble and Senator Johnson are supportive. Dean Haen will send a letter to Senator Baldwin asking for her support. In December the Corps will begin a portion of closure project using FY12 dredging funds.

#### 9) Bylsby Avenue – *Request for Approval*

The Port has taken an old runway from the Airport and filled Bylsby 70% full. The project is still in need of some stone. A Stormwater Management plan has been designed for the site. Instead of spending an additional \$30,000 to \$40,000 to complete site development, Haen proposes to stop until there is a project that will ultimately develop the site at their cost. The unfilled area is serving as stormwater retention at this time. There are two potential users of the property being pursued.

**A motion to approve to hold on making any further action at the Bylsby property was made by Ron Anntoneau and seconded by Neil McKloskey. Unanimously approved.**

#### 10) Director's Report

There was a nice article on the Port of Green Bay in the national publication *Inland Ports* that Dean had put in agenda packet.

The County Planning Department has started that Port Opportunity Study to look at all of the available Port-related property and determine how much it would cost to put them back in business through improving the rail, additional dredging, or putting in a new dock wall.

Tall Ships is coming this summer, August 16<sup>th</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup>. PMI will be running this event.

The Port & Solid Waste Department is going through a reorganization of the department. The Human Resources Department is taking a look at all of the job descriptions and how to get better use of resources.

11) Tonnage Report – *Request for Approval*

The 2012 tonnage is somewhat lower when compared to last year. Tonnage in 2011 was 25% greater than in 2010. Coal is not moving as much because of increased use of natural gas for electricity generation. Salt is not moving because of the mild winter last year. Cement is up because of the Highway 41 project and Lambeau Field construction.

**A motion to approve the Tonnage Report was made by Ron Anntoneau and seconded by Greg Flisram.** Unanimously approved.

12) Audit of Bills -

**A motion to approve Audit of Bills was made by Tom Klimek and seconded by Ron Anntoneau.** Unanimously approved.

13) Adjourn

**A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Anntoneau and seconded by John Hanitz.** Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:37 pm.

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Neil McKloskey, President  
Harbor Commission

Dean Haen, Director  
Port & Solid Waste Department